

**FOI Request - Council Housing Waiting Times - 101003492972**

Can you please provide, for the period between 2018 and 2024:

1) The number of people on the current council house waiting list, broken down by year.

The below figures are only the main applicants or the households in the waiting list.

As at 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	2504
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	2278
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	2753
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	2425
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	2989
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	2474
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2018	2434

2) The average wait time for a council house, broken down by year.

The below figures are only the main applicants or the households in the general waiting list for the position as at.

As at 1st February 2024	1.99 Years
As at 1st April 2023	2.61 Years
As at 1st April 2022	2.63 Years
As at 1st April 2021	2.59 Years
As at 1st April 2020	2.48 Years
As at 1st April 2019	2.41 Years
As at 1st April 2018	2.34 Years

In addition, with the exception of homeless households who are normally rehoused in date order, we operate a needs based allocations policy. The total number of points on the application determines the position on the housing list at any given time and we do not award any points associated with length of time spent on the list. An applicant's circumstances may worsen or improve during the life of their housing application, and this means their total number of points may be reassessed and their position can change frequently. Our allocations policy is available at [www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file125428.pdf](http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file125428.pdf).

3) The longest time someone has been on the council house waiting list.

As at 13 February 2024, the longest time an application has been on our housing list for is 36 Years.

However, this application is at a non-offerable status.

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4) The number of people who have been given a council house, broken down by year.

The below figures are the number of new tenancies during the financial year.

2017/18	498
2018/19	513
2019/20	559
2020/21	464
2021/22	560
2022/23	526
01-04-2023 – 15/02/2024	456

5) The number of people who were added to the waiting list, broken down by year.

The below figures are the number of main applicants/households that were added to the waiting list

2017/18	1751
2018/19	1632
2019/20	1620
2020/21	1452
2021/22	1325
2022/23	1376
01-04-2023 – 15/02/2024	1152